IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

C.W.P No. 13503 of 2007

Date of decision : August 30, 2007

National Insurance Co. Ltd.

.....Petitioner

through Mr. Inderjit Sharma, Advocate

v.

State of Haryana & others,

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE UMA NATH SINGH
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJIVE BHALLA

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1. **Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment ?**
2. **To be referred to the Reporters or not ?**
3. **Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest ?**

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RAJIVE BHALLA,J

Prayer in the present writ petition is for the issuance of a writ of certiorari for quashing the award, dated 17.5.2007 (Annexure P-4), passed by the Permanent Lok Adalat, Public Utility Services, Hisar.

Respondent No.3 filed a petition, claiming an amount of Rs.43,362/- on account of damage to his vehicle. The petitioner company opposed respondent No.3's claim by alleging that the truck was driven by Karamvir Singh, who did not possess a valid driving licence.

We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the paper book.

The Permanent Lok Adalat returned a categoric finding that the truck was driven by Randhir Singh and not by Karambir Singh. It also recorded a finding that the surveyor interpolated a portion of the goods

receipt and tried to mix up two goods receipts so as to show that Karambir Singh was the driver. We find no reason to interfere with the findings of fact, recorded by the Permanent Lok Adalat that the vehicle was being driven by Randhir Singh, who possessed a valid driving licence. Nothing has been urged on behalf of the petitioner that would enable us to record a finding in contradiction to the findings, returned by the Permanent Lok Adalat. The award of a sum of Rs.40,000/-, in our considered opinion, does not call for any interference. As the impugned award does not suffer from any error of jurisdiction or law, the present petition is dismissed in limine.

(RAJIVE BHALLA)
JUDGE

(UMA NATH SINGH)
JUDGE

August 30, 2007
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